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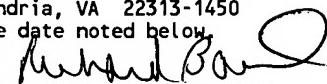
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Applicant : Katsuhiro IWASAKI et al
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

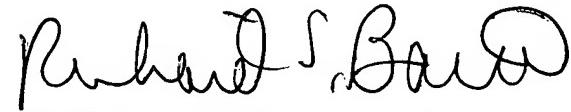
Sir:

This is in response to the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121) which was attached to the COMMUNICATION dated July 29, 2004.

In telephone interviews with Supervisory Examiner King and Examiner Andrews on August 3, 2004, Examiners King and Andrews informed the undersigned that the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 filed March 31, 2004 was compliant with the USPTO Rules and that said NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT was erroneous.

In view of the above, withdrawal of said NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT and examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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